

Growing GUIDE



EREMURUS



**PLANTING
DEPTH**
6-8"



**WATER
QUANTITY**
Moderate;
Low in dormancy



**SUN
QUANTITY**
Full to Partial Sun



**PLANTING
PROXIMITY**
24" Apart



**BLOOM
SEASON**
Spring through
Summer



**HARDINESS
ZONES**
Zones 5-8

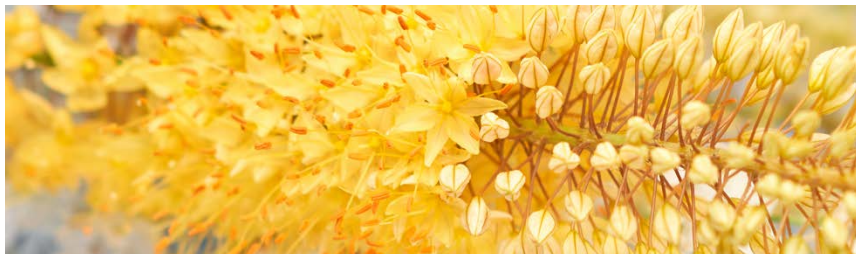
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Whether you know them as Eremurus, Desert Candles, or Foxtail Lilies, there's no denying the sheer magnificence of these towering flower spires. Dramatically growing up to 8' tall and embellished with thousands of colorful florets, these beauties are low-maintenance, pollinator-friendly, drought-tolerant, and unbothered by pesky deer. Would you like to learn more about planting and growing Eremurus? Well, you're in the right place!



SUCCESS TIPS

- Amend the soil with compost, ground bark, or decomposed manure to raise the level 2–3" and improve the drainage.
- Plant your Eremurus in outdoor garden beds and borders rather than containers, as these plants prefer to remain undisturbed.
- Expect your Eremurus roots to arrive with the soil washed off, making the plant lighter and cleaner while eliminating any risk of introducing soil-borne diseases into your garden.
- Plant the roots carefully, as they can break if not handled with care.
- Feel free to snip a few flowers when in bloom for dramatic and long-lasting bouquets.
- Keep in mind that weekly deep waterings are better than lighter drinks every day or two.



WHERE TO PLANT

Eremurus are quite easy to grow when given a spot with well-drained soil and full to partial sun exposure. If water puddles remain 5–6 hours after a hard rain, scout out another site or amend the soil with organic material to improve the drainage, as Foxtail Lilies will not survive in soggy soil. In areas with heavy clay soil, consider planting in a raised bed. Additionally, they will grow in light shade but develop much stronger stems under brighter conditions. Another important factor to consider is wind exposure, especially for taller varieties. Choosing a site with protection from strong winds increases the likelihood that you'll be able to enjoy the majestic flower spikes for as long as possible every blooming season.



WHEN TO PLANT

Plant your fleshy, starfish-shaped Eremurus roots in the fall, ideally around September. While you can also plant them in early spring, autumn is regarded as the best time for optimal flowering. Root growth will begin in the fall, giving the plants plenty of time to establish themselves before starting the next growing cycle. Those in warmer climates might also notice top growth emerging in the fall, with more foliage and flower stems appearing in the spring.



HOW TO PLANT

- **Dig a hole 6 to 8" deep and 10 to 12" across and tuck the roots into the soil**, fanning them out and pointing them slightly downwards. Provide roughly 2' of space between the plants.
- **Water thoroughly**, soaking the soil to settle it around the bulbs without air pockets.



HOW TO GROW

- **Water as needed** during active growth periods, supplying about 1" of moisture per week.
- **Trim off the flower spikes but leave the foliage in place** after blooming has finished for the season. The leaves will gather sunlight to create food through photosynthesis, strengthening the plant for the future.
- **Remove the dry foliage** when the leaves turn yellow and die back around mid-summer.
- **Mark the spot of your Eremurus roots** with a small stake to ensure that the roots are not disturbed.



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